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## NEWS OF ALL BRANCHES OF SPORT

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After Having Seen the Unfortunate Highlanders Perform for Quite a Spell, It Is a Relief for New York Fandom to Welcome the Giants, With Their Twelve Straight Victories.

By Bozeman Bulger.

THE arrival of the Giants with a season's record of twelve straight victories and a clean sweep of the East gives the New York fan a sudden leap from gloom to joy. After seeing a hopeless tall-order depart for the West with added misfortunes to their already large list, it is quite a comfort to lead back and watch the Giants leave to against their one-time enemies, the Cubs. It gives one that same feeling of comfort engendered when sitting behind three bases and somebody else has opened the pot. The Boston Braves added the Phillies back another notch by pounding them in a double-header while Brooklyn sank with them. The Giants now have it on every club in the league excepting the St. Louis Cardinals. Miller, Huggins feels that he will get his in due time.

## HIGHLANDERS IN BAD FLIGHT.

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## PIO TRIES TO CATCH RUNNERS STEALING CENTRE FIELD.

Pio or Smith, as you will, has one record that will defend him against all comers. He made four throws to second, three of which went for singles and one for two bases. Pio was plainly nervous, and he must have got it into his head that the Washington runners were trying to steal centre field instead of second. At any rate, he threw the ball so far into centre on every chance that Harry Walker was kept warmed up for a sprint when needed. The man who suffered, however, was John Murphy, a ground keeper of temperance. After Pio had made his second wild throw John issued a call to arms and hurriedly erected a screen around his hollyhock bed, which is hard by the centre field fence.

Toward the finish the much rattled Mr. Pio accidentally got the right dope, according to a theory once advanced by Lou Origer, when the fourth Washington runner started for second. Feeling unable to throw him out, Pio held the ball in his glove, so as to play it safe and catch him coming home.

It was quite a responsibility to shove on the shoulders of a young fellow his first three out, and that may account for his bad showing. He struck out three times in succession and threw wild every time he turned loose the ball. The boy can do better than that or he would never have had a chance. Still, we cannot predict a brilliant future for John.

## BILL DONOVAN GOES BACK EMPTY-HANDED.

Wild Bill Donovan, former twirler of the Tigers and now manager of the Providence club, sat in the press box to look over Chance's stable in the hope of picking off a good youngster. He finally started for Providence disappointed. "If I took one of these men away from here," said Bill, "you could certainly consider it an act of Providence." To prove that he thought that one a dandy Bill doffed his hat to those assembled.

Christy Mathewson had a day off and spent part of it watching the Highlanders and Washington through their double-header. The presence of the Old Gentleman in the press box reminded us strongly of that story of the locomotive engineer who had a week's vacation and spent it in the round house trying out the other fellows' engines.

## WAIT, SENOR, THE GIANTS ARE HERE TO-DAY.

A new addition to our baseball colony is Senor Antonio Conelo, official scorer at Havana, Cuba, who is here to see two months of big league baseball. After yesterday's performance he declared through an interpreter that he hadn't seen it yet. Senor Conelo does not speak English, and but for the kindness of Pepe Conto, correspondent for La Lucha, would have had difficulty in explaining who he was to the gateman.

Joe Boehling, known down Richmond way as Battlense Joe, won his eighth straight victory by beating the Highlanders in the second game. He has yet to lose one. Boehling was discovered by Bill Post, a baseball scribe of Washington, and was caught playing on a semi-professional team around Richmond known as the Battlenses. Joe is decidedly left-handed and has a curve that is a wonder, but no more so than the perfect manner in which he controls it.

## WEATHER FORECAST: CONTINUOUS WESTERLY WINDS.

Now cometh despatch, Charles Murphy of Chicago, who said as follows to wit: "I protest against that Sunday game being forfeited to Cincinnati and demand that the umpire be reprimanded for acting that way. I do not deny that the Cubs tried to delay the game, but I base my complaint on the ground that the Cardinals tried to get themselves put out hurriedly, which is just as bad a violation of the rules." That is probably the first time a club ever kicked on the other side being retired in quick order. Still, Charlie is a natural born first-timer.

Leach Cross to Meet Either  
Ritchie or Rivers Labor Day

Sam Wallace Goes to Frisco  
to See If He Can Arrange  
Match With Champion.

(Special to The Evening World.)

LOS ANGELES, July 8.—Joe Levy, manager of Joe Rivers, has arrived from San Francisco. He is disappointed at the showing made by the Mexican in his bout with Ritchie, but confident that the local lightweight can reverse the verdict if given another chance at the title.

Levy denies that Rivers was not in good shape for the bout and defends the Mexican against the charges that he is not game.

"It was a case of fighting himself out in the early rounds and not being able to keep up the pace," said Levy. "Joe was in good shape, from all appearances, and seemed fit to travel the full route at top speed, but after setting the pace in the early rounds and piling up a good lead he lost his steam and Ritchie was able to get to him and stop him."

"The idea that Rivers quit is ridiculous. He was knocked down, and after the count was finished was so dazed that he scarcely realized that the bout was over."

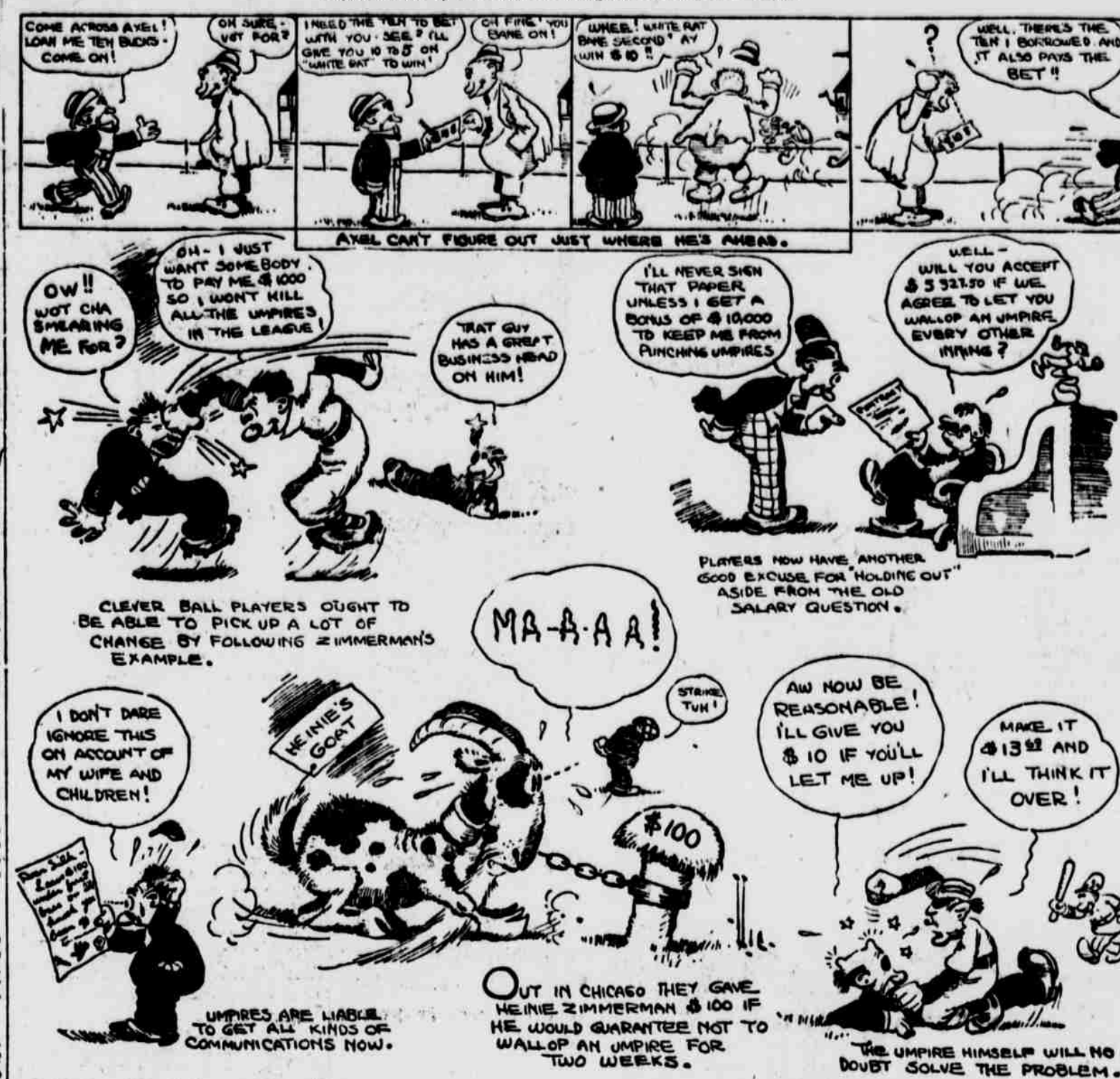
Levy is determined that Rivers shall not start again until Labor Day. He states that Ritchie promised to give Rivers a return match and that the champion is willing to come to the Southland for the battle.

There is some talk of a match between Rivers and Cross, and Levy is willing to make the match. Levy is willing to sign for such a bout, but wants Rivers to have a long rest before taking on a boxer of Cross's ability.

Promoter McCarey is anxious to give Rivers another chance to show what he can do and will offer the boys a date late next month, providing both want the match. Inasmuch as Levy wants Rivers to make an attempt to redeem himself, it is likely that he would consent to Joe appearing in a bout late in

## A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT (Heinie Zimmerman's Bonus Is Liab. In Arouse Jealousy of Other Players.) By VIC

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ATHLETICS CAN CINGH FLAG  
ON THEIR NEXT TOUR OF WEST

Manager McGraw, in Reviewing Pennant Fight in American League, Says the Philadelphias Should Have Championship Won on Their Return Home—White Sox Only Team That Will Show Any Real Opposition.

By John J. McGraw,  
Manager of the Giants.

THE Athletics steam through the West on this trip at the rate they have been going for the last couple of months they should have the pennant won on their return home—that is, won to all intents and purposes, although "Connie" Mack will never admit it until it is clinched.



JOHN MCGRAW

The real opposition that the Athletics will encounter in the West will be in Chicago and Cleveland, although the Philadelphia players do not regard the Cleveland stand as serious at this time. They say that the Naps' pitching staff was what put them up to the fight at the beginning of the race, and the staff is not going very smoothly now. There is also talk of dissension in the Cleveland ranks that hurts the chances of a pennant contender.

First, Lajoie was taken out of the game because it was said he had slored up. This move was followed by reports of trouble between Birmingham and Larry. Now Lajoie is back in the game. I do not know how much truth there is in such rumors, for I do not take much stock in baseball rumors, but trouble in a club always means reduced efficiency.

The Athletics say the White Sox look like a pennant-chasing team now. Chase is playing his head loose, and his work has built up and strengthened the infield, while the pitching staff is doing good work. Scott resembles the Scott of a couple of seasons ago, while Hens and Russell are working in good form. Russell is said to be a fine left-hander.

a long time," declared a member of the Athletics.

Of course if Ed Walsh can get back into shape the team should flash up close to the top even if they cannot cut down the Athletics' long lead and make a fight for the flag. Walsh is the greatest pitcher in the world to lift a club up through the standing because of the vast amount of work that he can absorb. They tell me that he will be right within a short time now, too.

Connie Mack realizes that he has two veteran pitchers upon whom to depend for the pennant. He is not counting on Coombs for this season at all, so if the third veteran of the great Philadelphia trio should come around into form, it would be so much pitching velvet for Connie.

If anything should happen to either Plank or Bender, Mack would be up against it for pitchers because, while he has some promising youngsters, they are not dependable for a driving finish. Knowing this, Mack is nursing along his two stars and saving them every extra stop until he gets out so far ahead he cannot be overtaken.

If the Red Sox are to make a fight at all, they will have to get going on this Western trip. If they have a bad road run they are gone so far as the pennant is concerned. The pitching staff looks better than it did a month ago, and the Red Sox are closer to form. The Athletics still rate them as contenders.

Washington has improved its position with the return of Foster at third base to add snap to the infield. Also, Boehling has come to the front nobly and is helping Johnson along the hard trail. Boehling has now won seven straight games.

Not much is to be said about the Highlanders. Both St. Louis and Detroit are going better than the New York team at present, and it is difficult for me to see how Chance is going to do much climbing.

Oh, that little dispute I had in Philadelphia? That did not amount to enough to mention it.

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Murray Captures  
Gross Score Prize.

A. C. Murray of the Herald, with two thirty-eights for a total of seventy-six, won the gross score prize in the qualifying round of the July handicap tournament of the New York Newspaper Golf Club, held at the Van Cortlandt Park links. C. A. Dailley of the American with a handicap of 49 and a gross score of 108, won the net score prize with 59.

Humphrey Tiffany, a brother of Oil man P. Tiffany, set a new record for the Powlston Club's course by going round the nine holes in 31. This was three strokes better than the previous mark made by "Oil."

Nearly a hundred golfers took up in the holiday tournament of the Inwood Country Club, which has just been completed. Provision was made for a division of sixteen in three classes. Harry Homans won the gross prize for the preliminary round with an 84. The handicaps were 44-15-75.

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